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71 Crawford St.
Newark 2 N. Jersey

Mr Ed. Gottlieb
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Philadelphia 2 Pa.

Dear Gottlieb:

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 22nd, with a resolution enclosed, which you asked me to sign and return to you, at the request of Pres. J.B. Martin of The Negro American League.

I am not signing it at this time, as I do not agree with it in its entirety.

I am happy to know our leagues are making an effort to present our case to the White Major Leagues, but I feel first of all, due to the fact both of our Presidents are team owners, in the interview (if it is granted), our baseball should be represented by a committee of four or six at least.

Important matters in the White Major Leagues are never settled by the presidents alone, even though they have no interest in any one team involved.

I am in accord with all of the resolution except paragraph 4. In the 9th line the words "and act" should be removed, and the last five lines "and that our League's hereby grants full authority to their Presidents to represent, negotiate, contract and otherwise act for our leagues as to any and all matters involved in this resolution and hereby confirms, ratifies and approves any and all acts of its Presidents in connection therewith," should be eliminated entirely.

I have discussed this with every owner in The Negro National League, excepting President Wilson, and they all agree these changes in the resolution should be made.

I am sending a copy of this letter to each member of The Negro National League, and Dr. J.B. Martin, Pres. of The Negro American League.

It is my honest opinion that any matter pertaining to Negro Baseball, as vitally important as the present problem, all team owners should have a voice in any discussion taking place, and any decisions reached.

Very Truly Yours